



State Capitol | Lansing, Michigan 48913

PH (517) 373.1725 | FAX (517) 373.0741

[www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/mcmanus/](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/mcmanus/)

For Immediate Release  
September 1, 2005

Contact: Veronica LaDuke  
517-373-1725

## **Sen. McManus: We are closer to compromise on direct shipping, but we're not there yet**

**LANSING** – House Bill 4959 has improved significantly since it was first introduced, but it still has a long way to go to be considered a true compromise, says state Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

“I have said all along that Michigan can safely and fairly regulate direct shipping of wine in our state without placing undue burdens on our growing wine industry. House Bill 4959 is a small step in that direction, but it’s not enough to keep many of our wineries in business. I still fear this will discourage additional wineries from doing business in Michigan.

“Senate Bills 625-628 and House Bills 4987-4990 allow for tax collection, protect minors and do not threaten to undermine our current alcohol distribution methods. I'm pleased to see HB 4959 now contains many of the provisions already addressed in these bills. At the same time, limiting wineries to shipping just 500 cases per year to consumers and taking away their right to ship directly to restaurants and retailers will have a huge negative impact on this growing industry.”

###

**Broadcast quality audio of Sen. McManus speaking on direct shipping is available on the  
Senate Majority Multimedia Link at  
<http://senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire/mcmanus/index.htm>.**